

Speaker Paul Ryan Visits UW-Madison Campus as Students Denounce Donald Trump

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Campus leaders hold press conference calling on Speaker Ryan to un-endorse Donald Trump after revelation of offensive and degrading comments about women.

MADISON - On the heels of [recently surfaced footage](#) of Donald Trump denigrating women coming to light, campus leaders at UW-Madison held a press conference today to address Trump's pattern of disrespecting and demeaning women and 1st District Congressman Paul Ryan's failure to denounce him.



In addition to his recently unveiled comments, Trump has called women ["fat pigs," "dogs," "slobs," and "disgusting"](#)

and subjected

Alicia Machado

, a former Miss Universe winner, to public humiliation over her weight and heritage, calling her ugly, fat, "Miss Piggy" and "Miss Housekeeping."



"Paul Ryan has a history of enabling Donald Trump's divisiveness. He supported Trump through his shameful attacks on a gold-star family. He stood by his side throughout his racist tirade on a federal judge. He did not falter when Trump took to Twitter at 4 AM to harass and belittle a former Miss Universe contestant," said Gracelyn Trast, student at UW-Madison. "And here we are today. Lo and behold - even in the wake of his recent, repugnant comments about women, Paul Ryan has continued to support the Republican nominee. With this precedent set, I don't think Donald Trump could do anything to merit Paul Ryan rescinding his endorsement."

"Sexual assault is serious. It is a problem not only here at UW. But it is a problem on college campuses across the country. And I cannot believe that the Republican nominee for President is normalizing these obscene, horrific actions," said Natalie Halbrooks, student at UW-Madison.

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"But are we really surprised? This is who Donald Trump is."

"Truthfully, as shocking, as horrible, as offensive, and as disqualifying Donald Trump's most recent comments are, I am not at all surprised," said Eliana Locke, student at UW-Madison. "Donald Trump has centered his campaign around insults and bigotry. And Paul Ryan and his GOP colleagues have stood right by him through it all. They might send a statement here or there condemning his remarks. But let the record show that they have never actually done anything to stop the train wreck that is their nominee."

"I don't have to be a son or a husband or a father to understand that Trump's comments legitimizing sexual assault and harassment are simply disgusting," said Brendan Cohen, student at UW-Madison. "They are horrendous. And they have absolutely no place in our country. Let alone, in the race for President."

In sharp contrast, campus leaders stated their support for Hillary Clinton, who has been fighting for women and girls her entire career and has outlined a specific plan to [combat campus sexual assault](#).